House Resolution No. 737

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge important milestone achievements garnered by Show-Me State institutions of higher learning; and

Whereas, on Thursday, March 13, 2003, the Paula J. Carter Center on Minority Health and Aging will be dedicated in Allen Hall on the scenic campus of Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri; and

Whereas, a new, promising component of Lincoln University Cooperative Extension, the Paula J. Carter Center on Minority Health and Aging takes as its namesake a woman of many accomplishments who was a native of the city of St. Louis where she served as a Committeewoman for the 27th Ward for many years; and

Whereas, in 1986 Paula Carter enjoyed election to the office of State Representative for the Fifty-sixth District, after which time she zealously served her local constituents and the entire population of the state of Missouri through her undaunted fight for better health and mental health services, especially for those members of African-American, minority, or economically disadvantaged segments of the population; and

Whereas, in 1997 the Honorable Paula Carter was instrumental in founding the Missouri Center on Minority Health and Aging, a multi-ethnic training, research, and public policy center which will be renamed in her honor at the March 13, 2003, dedication; and

Whereas, Representative Paula Carter was awarded a Doctor of Law degree from Lincoln University in 1999, and was elected to the Missouri Senate in March 2000 as the first African-American woman to represent the Fifth Senatorial District of St. Louis:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the dedication of the Paula J. Carter Center on Minority Health and Aging in Allen Hall of Lincoln University and to convey to all of those involved in its inception and mission this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of the tasks they so freely accept for the betterment of all; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the dedication of the Paula J. Carter Center on Minority Health and Aging at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Offered by Representative Craig Bland District No. 43 Missouri Legislative Black Caucus

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 737, adopted March 6, 2003.

Catharina I. Hannana Caralana